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## **APPEAL DECISION**

## JORDAN TURNER and RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS

Date of Hearing: 27 July 2017

**Heard By:** Brian Forrest (Deputy Chair)

**Appearances:** Sam Cochrane appeared on behalf of the stewards.

Matt Hyland appeared on behalf of Mr Turner.

At Swan Hill on Monday 24 July 2017, apprentice jockey Jordan Turner was found guilty of a charge of careless riding on his mount *Flying Frenchy* in Race 3 *The Bottle O 3YO Maiden Plate* (1200m).

The carelessness being that near the 200m he permitted his mount to shift in when insufficiently clear of *Stryke Fast* resulting in that gelding having to be checked and becoming unbalanced and as a result *Goethe* which was following having to be checked also.

Mr Turner had his permit to ride in races suspended for a period to commence at midnight on Wednesday, 26 July 2017 and to expire at midnight on Saturday, 5 August 2017 – a total of 10 meetings (2 metro, 8 provincial).

In assessing penalty Stewards deemed the incident to be in the mid-range, took into account his personal circumstances in having just returned from injury and the initial shift out from *Stryke Fast*.

A Notice of Appeal against the decision and severity of the penalty was lodged on Tuesday, 25 July 2017. A stay of proceedings was not required.

A Notice of Appeal against the **severity of the penalty** was lodged on 11 July 2017.

**DECISION:** Appeal against decision dismissed.

Appeal against severity of penalty allowed.

Penalty varied so that the period of suspension expires at midnight on Thursday, 3 August 2017 (8 race meetings).

Georgie Gavin
Registrar - Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board